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3 October 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Political and Psychological Warfare
SUBJECT : NSC Directive on Covert Operations

1. I agree with the changes made by your Office in the redraft of NSC 10/2 and NSC 10/5, which was forwarded on 1 October. Specifically, I think the new proposed wording of 3b(1) is an improvement, but I expect you will meet with some opposition from those who still feel they must go into the details of the Central Intelligence Agency's operations. The elimination of paragraph 3c appears to me to be a decided improvement. I have no objection to changes in paragraph 4, but, in part, this may be due to ignorance. I am not quite sure of what we have agreed to on the submission of orders through the Joint Chiefs and would, if you wish and at your convenience, be glad to discuss it, not as a legal point but based on some experience in the last war. The changes in paragraph 6 were, of course, suggested by me, and while they are not completely satisfactory makeshift, I think they overcome the technical difficulties created by the various directives to the Operations Coordinating Board.

2. I believe this redraft in final form should be forwarded to the Director with the recommendation that it be proposed to the National Security Council for adoption.

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General Counsel

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GC fr C/PP, same sub.
(copies 1 and 2-TS 90978)
Redraft of NSC Directive
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